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SUBJECT: U.S. CUSTOMS NARCOTIC DETECTOR DOG TRAINER PROGRAM

REF: (A) STATE 206741 (NOTAL), (B) STATE 218774 (NOTAL),
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1. REF C NOTES THAT GOM (POLICE AND CUSTOMS) HAVE SHOWN SERIOUS INTEREST IN EXPANDING THEIR PRESENT NARCOTICS EFFORTS BY INCLUDING NARCOTIC DETECTION DOG TEAMS. POLICE CURRENTLY HAVE ABOUT 46 DOGS, USED MAINLY FOR TRACKING, AND ABOUT AN EQUAL NUMBER OF HANDLERS. NONE OF THESE TEAMS IS TRAINED IN NARCOTIC DETECTION. POLICE BUDGET FOR CURRENT YEAR DOES NOT MAKE PROVISION FOR SENDING DOG HANDLERS TO U.S. FOR NARCOTIC DETECTOR DOG TRAINER CLASS (ALTHOUGH A DOG TRAINER DID JUST RETURN FROM SIX MONTH COURSE IN U.K.). THEREFORE, GOM UNABLE TO NOMINATE CANDIDATES FOR SUBJECT CLASS. POLICE OFFICIALS, HOWEVER, HAVE INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD BE INTERESTED IN A SIMILAR CLASS NEXT YEAR (CY 1977) IF GIVEN SUFFICIENT ADVANCE NOTICE TO BUDGET TRAVEL FUNDS. REQUEST DEPARTMENT VERIFY THAT SIMILAR COURSE WILL BE OFFERED TO MALAYSIAN DOG TRAINERS NEXT YEAR.

2. CUSTOMS AT PRESENT DOES NOT HAVE ANY DOGS. BECAUSE OF BUREAUCRATIC DIFFICULTIES, IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR CUSTOMS

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TO USE POLICE HANDLERS/DOGS IN ITS OWN PROGRAM. HOWEVER,

AS RESULT OF CUSTOMD DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL RAHIM'S VISIT
TO U.S. ON EXECUTIVE OBSERVATION PROGRAM EARLIER THIS YEAR
AND EMBASSY/DEA CONSULTATIONS, CUSTOMS HAS SHOWN STRONG
INTEREST IN STARTING A DETECTOR DOG PROGRAM.
REQUEST DEPARTMENT ASSISTANCE IN COORDINATING WITH U.S.
CUSTOMS BUREAU POSSIBILITY OF COURSE IN DOG HANDLER TRAINING
FOR PERSONNEL WITH NO PRIOR DOG EXPERIENCE, WITH EMPHASIS ON
NARCOTIC DETECTOR TRAINING, SO THAT TRAINEES COULD RETURN TO
MALAYSIA AND INSTITUTE A TRAINING PROGRAM WITHIN MALAYSIAN
CUSTOMS.
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